

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated October 21, 2003, has been received and carefully noted. A Notice of Appeal was filed on April 15, 2004. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted for continued examination of the present application.

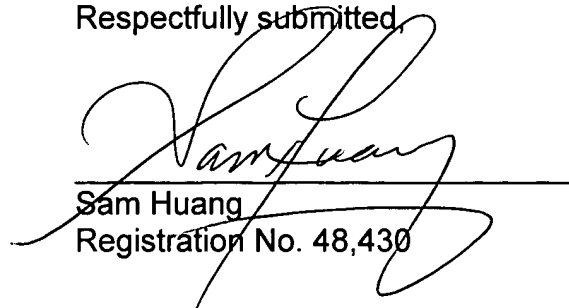
Claims 57, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 72, 73, 75-78 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 79-82 have been added. Applicants submit that the new claims are fully supported in the specification and the drawings as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 79-82 are pending in the present application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Applicants respectfully submit that each of new claims 79-82 recites subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited prior art. Applicants also submit that the subject matter is more than sufficient to render the claims non-obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, and therefore respectfully request that claims 79-82 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,



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